

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 5      Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:

a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering only one or both pointed ends of said football and not having a diameter greater than

- 10     two inches, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;

a flexible thimble having a lateral area which user can position adjacent the fingerpad of said user wearing said thimble;

- 15     a pad on the said lateral area of said thimble, said pad having a plurality of mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener elements on said patch or patches, said mating elements on said thimble worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at
- 20     said patch only at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said thimble, and to continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.

- 25     Claim 12 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM loop elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM hook elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 10 wherein the material of said thimble is natural or synthetic rubber.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A football kicking training aid comprising in combination:

- 5      a football having at least one attached patch, said patch or patches covering only one or both pointed ends of said football and not having a diameter greater than two inches, said patch or patches having a plurality of either male or female fastener elements thereon;
- 10     a flexible glove having a plurality of fingers, said fingers having lateral areas positioned adjacent the fingerpads of a user wearing said glove;
- 15     a pad on said lateral area of the index finger of said glove, said pad having a plurality of mating fastener elements thereon complementary to said fastener elements on said patch, said mating elements on said glove worn by a user releasably engaging said mating elements on said patch located at the upper end of said football, whereby said mating of said complementary fastener elements urges a user to properly support said football, for kicking by another player, at said patch at said upper end by a user's fingerpad within said glove, and to continue supporting said football until the kicking action has been completed.

- Claim 16 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mating fastener elements disengage from said complementary mating elements upon a player kicking said football.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM loop elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.

- 25    Claim 18 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 15 wherein said mating elements on said patch or patches comprise Velcro.RTM hook elements of the loop and hook product sold under the trademark VELCRO.RTM.